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## US CRUISE SHIP PULLS INTO HAVANA ON HISTORIC CUBA VOYAGE

The first U.S. cruise ship to arrive in Cuba in decades received a warm welcome on Monday from Havana residents who gathered at the wharf in the colonial old city as hundreds of Americans waved from the decks of the ship. It was another first for the two countries since U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a historic rapprochement in 2014, and comes weeks after Obama's visit to the Caribbean island. Carnival Corp's Adonia, a small ship with a capacity of 700 passengers, slipped through the channel into Havana Bay in the morning under picture-perfect skies, then docked at the colonial old town. A Cuban law prohibiting nationals from entering the country by sea had almost delayed the cruise but was lifted by local authorities just over a week ago. REUTERS

## FBI THWARTS POSSIBLE ATTACK ON JEWISH TARGET

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a man in South Florida for planning an attack against the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz said in a statement on Monday. A law enforcement source said the man was arrested as part of a sting operation in which federal agents operate undercover. The U.S. Attorney's office in the Southern District of Florida said a man was taken into custody on Friday in a "national security-related arrest," but there is no current threat to public safety. REUTERS

## CONSERVATIVES IN CONGRESS URGE SHUTDOWN OF IRS

It's a U.S. taxpayer's dream: make the Internal Revenue Service go away, and the largest conservative group in Congress is endorsing just that. The Republican Study Committee, which counts over two-thirds of House of Representatives Republicans as its members, called recently for "the complete elimination of the IRS." The committee's support for this idea, once confined to the fringes of conservative ideology, suggests it is more widely accepted on Capitol Hill than ever. But many in Washington, including some Republicans, have trouble taking it seriously. Calls to abolish the IRS have not been well thought through, Republican Representative Charles Boustany said in an interview.

REUTERS

# A mecca for religions on the East Coast

Mormon temple, Buddhist monastery a sign that Philadelphia is becoming a popular destination for churches, religions, and religious organizations to set up shop.

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Members of Philadelphia's Cambodian community gathered for Cambodian New Year at the site of a newly constructed temple in Southwest Philadelphia. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

They brought thousands of tiny bowls of dumplings, eggs, spicy pork, sticky rice and pineapples and placed them on the floor before a group of Buddhist monks as an elder chanted a prayer.

Hundreds of Cambodian Buddhists clasped their hands together as they watched the monks pray and eat as part of the recent Cambodian Buddhist New Year celebrations.

But this wasn't in Phnom Penh, or even in one of Philly's better-known immigrant communities. It was at a massive former industrial site off 58th street and Lindbergh Boulevard in Southwest Philly, where Khmer Palelai monastery has risen.

"In Cambodia, it's a tradition for regular people to follow the monks, to listen to them. We want to do the same thing over here by keeping it alive and keeping it going," said Han Hea, 36, the No. 2 or right-hand monk of the monastery, through a translator.

With Pope Francis having just visited Philly for the World Meeting of Families, a Mormon temple in Center City expected to open up this fall, and organizations like the American Bible Society moving to Philadelphia last year, the city seems on the cusp of becoming a virtual mecca of religions in the U.S.

Why? One factor may be Philly's cheap real estate. Khmer Palelai has 238,000 square feet and houses 12 monks, which Han believes may make it the largest Cambodian monastery in the country. Not bad for a temple that started out in a South Philly rowhouse in 1986.

"When the opportunity comes, we would like to spread it out more," Hea said. "We don't want to force anything, just take care of what we have, then branch out and spread the teachings."

What's behind the boom? Professor Khalid Blankenship, head of Temple University's Department of Religion, said it is evidence that in Philly, religion isn't going anywhere, even as less and less people identify as belonging to any particular religion.

"If you look at the enormous quantity of classical stone churches all over the place, you can see this isn't a new phenomenon, but is something that's been a constant theme for decades, if not centuries," Blankenship said.

But why is Philly so ripe for religious organizations to grow? That answer depends on who you ask.

A Mormon temple is opening for the faithful in Center City this September, five years after construction began, because the 25,000 Mormons in the Philadelphia area deserve to be close to a temple, a spokeswoman said.

There are only 148 Mormon temples in the world, and they are intended for special ceremonies, rather than weekly services, which take place at meetinghouses, said Corinne Dougherty, a local spokeswoman for the church.

"Philadelphia is one of the last major cities in the U.S. to receive a temple, so it really is like filling in the gaps in the map," Dougherty said. "Before Philadelphia, we would go to Manhattan or we would go down to Washington, D.C., so it's just making the temple more accessible to the members of the church in our area."

The Church of Scientology also owns a 15-story building at Chestnut and 13th streets, which is still vacant and awaiting development. .

One organization that definitely loves Philadelphia is the historic American Bible Society, which moved its central offices from New York City to Philadelphia in October 2015. They now have 200 employees working out of two floors in an Old City office, from which the Society, one of the nation's oldest nonprofits, translates and distributes the Bible to people worldwide.

"There is a history of religious freedom here that has helped provide a strong foundation for us," said Andrew Hood, the society's director of communications.

Leaving New York was due to the expense of maintaining an office on Broadway in Manhattan. But choosing Philly wasn't just about cost — it was also becoming part of the city as certain areas are experiencing a revitalization.

"The city has a vibrancy to it right now. There is a sense that Philadelphia is growing and on the upswing," Hood said.

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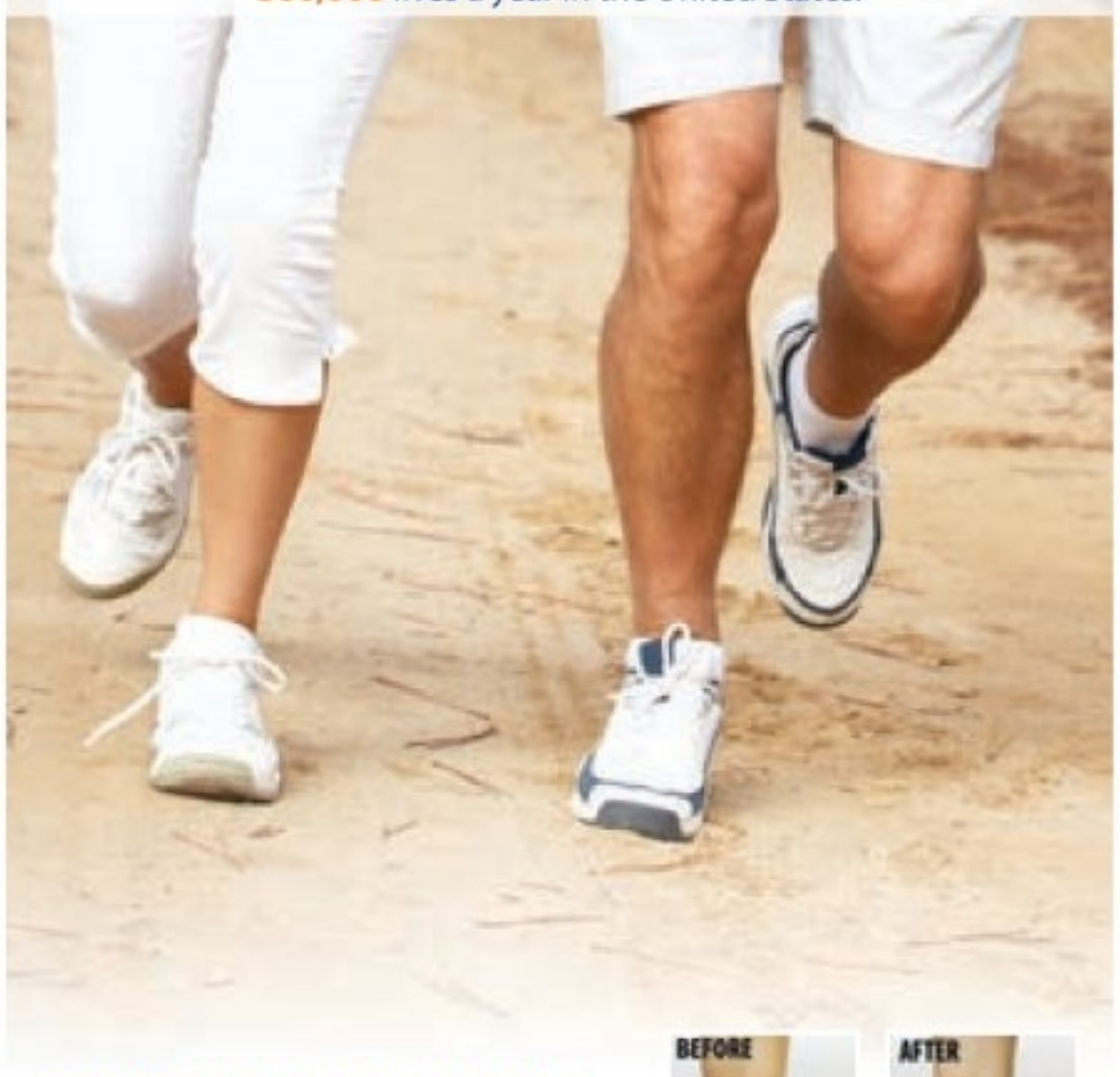

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Officials speak on the collision. SAM NEWHOUSE

# Victims in serious condition after fatal weekend collision

Three children and two women are still hospitalized after being injured in crash.

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Scene of the collision COURTESY OF ANITA OH/CBS3

Several of the victims who survived a "horrific" crash caused by rainy roads Sunday that killed two are still being treated for serious injuries a day later.

A 6-year-old boy, identified by police as Eric Barksdale Perez, was ejected from a car with seven people inside when two vehicles collided at Henry Avenue and Hermit Lane in Northwest Philly around 4 p.m. Sunday, just blocks from Philadelphia University's campus. A 20-year-old male in the backseat of the car, Zaire Ross-Wilson, also died.

"It was a horrific accident," said Accident Investigation Division Capt. John Wilczynski. "They lost control and started turning into the left lane and got T-boned. … We're not really sure how the driver lost control."

Wet roads from daylong drizzle and rain are believed to have been a factor in the crash, but the cause is still under investigation, Wilczynski said.

"It was wet all day, the roadway was wet," he said.

Out of nine people total involved in the crash, seven — including four children — were traveling northbound along a curved section of Henry Avenue in a gray 2005 Mazda 6 when they edged over the center line and collided with the second vehicle, a blue 2008 Mazda 3, with a 29-year-old male and 28-year-old female, headed southbound.

Both of those passengers suffered relatively minor injuries, Wilczynski said.

"All they remember was the car spinning out in front of them, and then the hit," he said.

A 7-week-old baby in the Mazda 6 has life-threatening injuries, Wilczynski said.

The 4- and 5-year-old boys are in serious condition, police said.

Two women, a 23-year-old and a 25-year-old, were ejected from the car. They are both in serious condition, Wilczysnki said.

Two off-duty police officers, one leaving work and one heading to work, stopped at the crash and tried to assist the victims by performing CPR on the 6-year-old, without success, Wilczyski added.

The seven passengers in the Mazda 6 are members of various families. Their relationship to each other and who was driving was not immediately known, police said.

*"All they remember was the car spinning out in front of them, and then the hit."*
Wilczynski

# NJ man who threw Molotov cocktail at patrol car wanted to go to jail: Police

When cops asked Jose E. Rodriguez if he saw who started the blaze, authorities said he confessed that he did it.

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Rodriguez PROVIDED

A New Jersey man who threw a Molotov cocktail against a Gloucester City police cruiser "wanted to go to jail," police said.

Jose E. Rodriguez, 28, of South Sussex Street, faces charges stemming from a Saturday night incident in which authorities said he lit a Molotov cocktail in a police parking lot and smashed it against a patrol car.

According to authorities, Rodriguez walked into the Gloucester City police headquarters parking area around 8:17 p.m., ignited the Molotov cocktail and remained in the parking lot as officers extinguished the blaze, which caused minor damage to a 2015 Ford Explorer.

When police asked Rodriguez if he saw who started the blaze, authorities said he responded that he did it because he wanted to go to jail.

Rodriguez, who was being held in Camden County Jail after failing to post $100,000 bail, was charged with aggravated arson, weapon possession and criminal mischief, according to police.

# Two people stabbed in North Philly store; suspect at large

A suspect remained at large Monday after stabbing two people inside a North Philadelphia store Sunday evening.

Police said two men started fighting around 6:45 p.m. inside a store on the 200 block of West Tioga Street, 6ABC reported. One of the men used a knife to stab the other, and a third person in the store was stabbed when he tried to break up the fight.

One of the victims was injured multiple times on his body, police told Philly.com, which added that both stabbing victims were taken to Temple University Hospital in stable condition.

The assailant fled, and police have not made any arrests in connection to the stabbings, Philly.com added.

Police have not indicated any motive in the incident, according to Philly.com.

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Site of the stabbing GOOGLE MAPS

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# Homelessness programs get federal boost

Federal funding for Philly programs was announced following emotional testimony to City Council about abuse and survival on the streets.

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The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development awarded $19.5 million to 89 homeless housing and service program across the state on Monday — 17 of which will benefit Philadelphia-based centers.

The announcement comes on the heels of a lengthy and emotion-filled hearing on youth homelessness in City Council last week that drew testimony from individuals who related stories of abuse and survival on the streets at a young age.

The HUD money, known as "Continuum of Care" (CoC) grants, are part of the Obama administration's efforts to end homelessness and build upon the $82.6 million in funding HUD awarded to the Keystone State in March.

"We know how to end homelessness, and these grants support local programs that are proven to prevent and end homelessness as we've come to know it," HUD Secretary Julián Castro said in a news release.

"This additional funding will support new efforts to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing solutions for those experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania, while also helping to sustain existing local programs," said Jane C.W. Vincent, HUD's regional administrator of the mid-Atlantic region.

On Thursday, several youths and youth advocates testified before a joint hearing of City Council's committees on Children and Youth and Housing Neighborhood Development and the Homeless.

Elizabeth Hersh, director of the Office of Supportive Housing, said that at the Covenant House — which serves runaway, homeless and trafficked youth throughout the greater Philadelphia region — staffers had to turn away 546 young people in 2015.

"Ending youth homelessness is not out of reach of Philadelphia," she said.

## Funding given

The city's **Family CoC Rapid Re-Housing Program** was allocated the most, with a little more than $2.5 million. Other programs that will benefit include:

- The city's **Assisted Living Project,** with $323,000
- The **Fattah Homes II,** with $78,000
- The **ActionAIDS' Casa Nueva Vida housing facility,** with $183,000

Sources said the awards doled out Monday and those in March were part of the goals established in 2010 by President Barack Obama and 19 federal agencies and offices that form the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

"We welcome the opportunity to work with the provider community and City Council, among others, to make our vision of a city without youth homelessness a reality."

Commuters walk past a sleeping homeless man. FILE PHOTO

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# Judge seems skeptical in hearing about Sandusky petition to overturn child sex abuse sentence

Sandusky leaves the courthouse after being sentenced. GETTY IMAGES

The former Penn State football assistant coach was sentenced in 2012.

Jerry Sandusky, shackled and dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit, appeared in court on Monday in a bid to overturn his child sex abuse conviction, but the judge was skeptical about the former Penn State football coach's petition for a hearing.

With his initial appeals exhausted, Sandusky wants to present evidence under Pennsylvania's Post-Conviction Relief Act that his 2012 conviction resulted from ineffective counsel at his first trial. Ultimately, Sandusky, 72, who was an assistant to famed head coach Joe Paterno, aims to be granted a new trial.

Sandusky is serving 30 to 60 years in prison after being convicted of molesting 10 boys at Penn State University athletic facilities or at events held by his charity, The Second Mile. Dozens of other boys, including his adopted son, have accused the former coach of abusing them.

At Monday's hearing in Centre County Court of Common Pleas in Bellefonte, Visiting Judge John Cleland expressed skepticism about the petition for post-conviction relief, saying it did not appear to meet legal requirements.

He said Sandusky's lawyers failed to properly certify that any witnesses they would call at a hearing would back up the allegations outlined in the petition.

Sandusky's lawyer, Alexander Lindsay, told the judge that many of the certifications he presented in the petition were based on what he believed a witness would likely say at an evidentiary hearing.

There is no timetable for Cleland's ruling on an evidentiary hearing for Sandusky. REUTERS

## HOMICIDE

**Police ID Point Breeze homicide victim**

Police have identified the victim of a homicide that took place Friday afternoon in Philly's up-and-coming Point Breeze section.

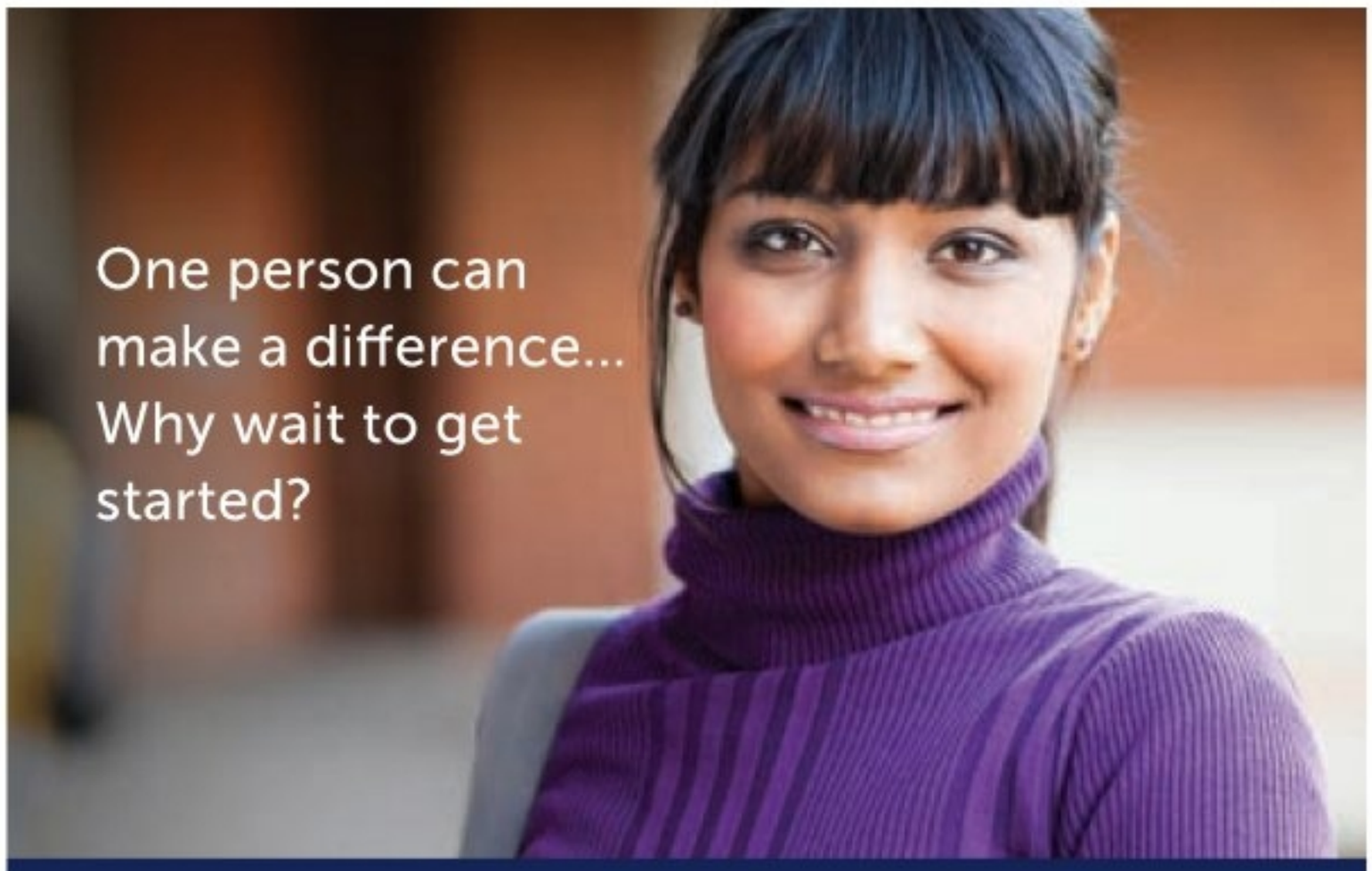
Jessie Williams, 26, of the 5400 block of Wissahickon Avenue, was gunned down just before 4:30 p.m. Friday along the 2000 block of Wharton Street, police said.

Police officers from the 17th district responded to reports of a shooting and found Williams shot inside his 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee. He was transported to Jefferson Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries at 5:06 p.m.

According to police, another male — whose name is not being released – was also inside the vehicle at the time — a 26-year-old who suffered minor injuries to his face and head as a result of Williams' Jeep crashing into two parked cars. The male was transported to Penn-Presbyterian Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

Not much later, another shooting victim with a gunshot wound to his finger was identified along the 1200 block of Point Breeze Avenue. Twenty-six year old Tysheed Davis, of the 2200 block of Wharton Street, was transported to Penn-Presbyterian Hospital and was listed in stable condition. Police said that Williams was shot by Davis, and Williams returned fire, shooting Davis in the finger.

Two weapons were reportedly recovered from both scenes — one from inside Williams' Jeep and another from the highway. Davis is charged with murder, attempted murder, aggravated assault, firearms offenses and related offenses. JENNY DEHUFF

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# Clinton courts Appalachian voters in early nod to Trump election showdown

Dem front-runner met union leaders and some of 600 workers laid off last year when AK Steel Holding Corp. announced it would idle a furnace in eastern Kentucky.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks to and meets Indiana voters at Lincoln Square Pancake House in Indianapolis. GETTY IMAGES

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton talked to steel workers in Appalachia about their economic struggles on Monday, as she tried to win over blue-collar voters in a part of the country where support for Republican Donald Trump is strong.

Clinton said job losses in manufacturing and the coal industry in the area had been a heavy blow.

"Talk about a ripple effect. It's just devastating communities," Clinton told workers around a table at an Italian restaurant in the town of Ashland.

She said she would look into whether assistance could be extended to Kentucky as it was to workers after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington. "It makes sense to try to do it in a more targeted way in situations like this," she said.

Clinton has pledged more than $30 billion to help regions that depend on coal, but her promise was overshadowed when she said in March that the country would "put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business."

While the Republican presidential candidates focus on Tuesday's primary in Indiana, Clinton launched a trip to Appalachia this week that will include events in Ohio and West Virginia.

She has a large lead over Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination, and is making early moves to try to siphon support from Trump, who says his outsider campaign will succeed with struggling voters. He and other Republicans accuse President Barack Obama's administration of waging a "war on coal" by imposing strict environmental regulations.

Unions typically back Democratic candidates, and union leaders have endorsed both Clinton and Sanders in the 2016 presidential race. But Trump's pro-coal, anti-trade message has resonated with some blue collar union members. REUTERS

A vendor selling Trump shirts and hats. GETTY IMAGES

## Trump's evangelical support put to test

Donald Trump's success in the race for the White House may well depend on the support of Republican evangelicals suspicious of the front-runner's more liberal side as he discloses his social views.

Trump has had some success with evangelicals in states such as South Carolina. But there are signs of slippage on the eve of Tuesday's nominating contest in Indiana, a conservative Midwestern state that has voted Republican in nine of the past 10 presidential elections.

Trump, 69, has taken stances on Planned Parenthood family clinics and gay and transgender rights that raise Christian conservative concerns, including in such states as Indiana where they make up a high proportion of voters.

An NBC/Wall Street Journal/Marist opinion poll shows Trump with a wide lead in Indiana, 49 percent, to 34 percent for his nearest rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, and 13 percent for Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Most previous Indiana opinion polls showed a tighter race with Trump leading Cruz by only a few points. A Trump win in the state could be crucial to his chances of securing the nomination but may also offer a gauge of whether he can rally evangelicals. REUTERS

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# Mobster's home searched again in Boston art heist

A FBI Evidence Response Team and other law enforcement were at the home of Robert Gentile, who may be a suspect in the heist. GETTY IMAGES

## FBI agents brought heavy equipment in third bid to find stolen masterpieces.

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The FBI has launched its third search of the Manchester, Connecticut, home of convicted criminal Robert "Bobby the Cook" Gentile, who has been linked to an investigation into a 1990 Boston art theft.

On March 18, 1990, two thieves disguised as Boston police officers robbed the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum of 13 works of art, according to the Hartford Courant, which stated that the stolen art was valued at about $500 million.

On Monday around noon, FBI agents began searching the home of Robert Gentile, whose involvement has been suspected in the 26-year-old art heist though he was never charged in connection to it, the Boston Globe reported. Gentile is currently serving a sentence for illegal gun possession and selling prescription drugs.

### Stolen art

Among the stolen Gardner canvases were three Rembrandts, a Vermeer and a Manet.

"If they didn't find [the paintings] in the first two searches, how could they find them this time?" Gentile's attorney A. Ryan McGuigan was quoted by the Globe, commenting on this search being the FBI's third of the property in pursuit of the paintings.

Officials have put a tent in front of Gentile's Frances Drive house, and area police have blocked off the street, the Courant added. FBI agents brought heavy equipment in three trucks to help conduct the search.

McGuigan said that his client was adamant that he had no role in the robbery or knowledge of the paintings, according to the Globe.

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# Silicon Valley executive settles SEC insider trading charges: SEC

A Silicon Valley executive agreed to pay $534,303 to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges he conducted insider trading in a semiconductor equipment company that was hoping to solicit a competing bid before being sold, the regulator said on Monday.

Peter Nunan, 58, of Monte Sereno, California, was accused of buying 105,000 shares of FSI International Inc while it was in talks to be acquired by Tokyo Electron Ltd., based on confidential tips from an FSI director eager for a counteroffer from Japan's Screen Holdings Co.

The SEC said Nunan, then a senior engineering fellow at a Screen Holdings unit, acted as a conduit in passing the director's tips to a Screen Holdings executive who evaluated potential mergers.

Nunan bought his FSI shares in the six months before the Chaska, Minnesota-based company agreed to be acquired by Tokyo Electron on Aug. 13, 2012, news that caused FSI's stock price to rise 52 percent, the SEC said. He sold most of his shares a day later, it added.

Under the settlement, Nunan will give up $254,858 of ill-gotten profit, pay a civil fine in the same amount, and pay $24,587 of interest. He did not admit or deny wrongdoing.

A lawyer for Nunan did not immediately respond to a request for comment. REUTERS

Peter Nunan FACEBOOK

## BRIEFS

**Bank of America settles mortgage disputes with Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle**

Bank of America settled four mortgage-related complaints brought against it by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Bank of America disclosed in its quarterly earnings filing on Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Substantially all" of the $190 million settlement was previously accrued, the bank stated in its filing. A call to a spokesperson for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle was not immediately returned.

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**Twitter lawsuit partly dismissed over US information requests**

A U.S. judge on Monday partly dismissed a lawsuit filed by Twitter Inc in which the social media company argued it should be allowed to publicly disclose more details about requests for information it receives from the U.S. government.

U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in Oakland, California also gave Twitter the opportunity to refile its lawsuit to include more details about government decision-making, in order to try to move its claims forward.

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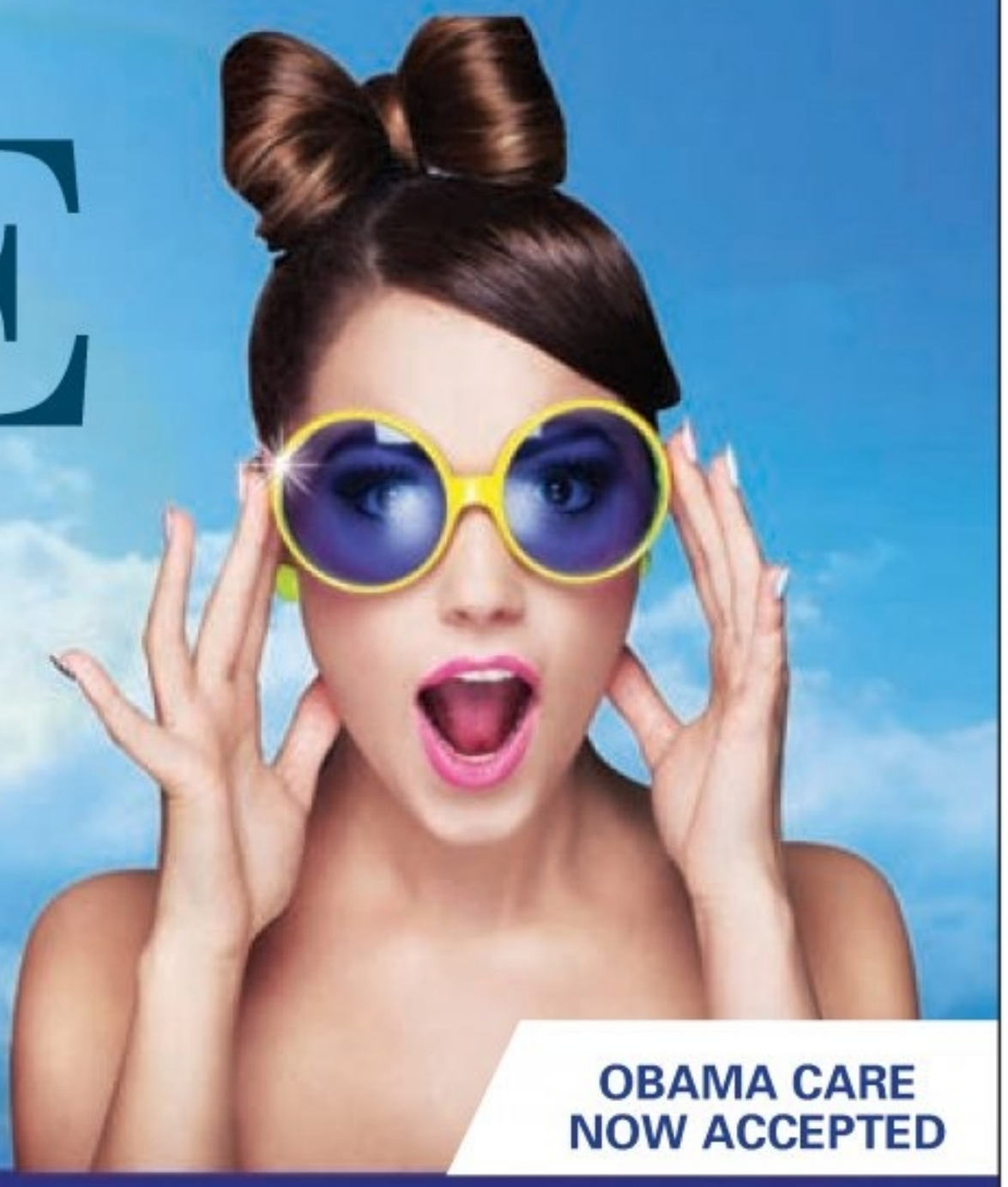

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# Solar-powered airplane departs California on round-the-world flight

The California-to-Arizona flight marks the 10th leg of the journey.

A solar-powered airplane midway through an attempt to circle the globe departed northern California on Monday on the next leg of its history-making journey, a relatively short 16-hour flight to Arizona, the project team said.

The spindly, single-seat experimental aircraft dubbed Solar Impulse 2 took off just after 5 a.m. local time from San Francisco on a flight that will take the plane over the Mojave Desert before its planned arrival in Phoenix shortly before 9:30 p.m.

The solar-powered plane Solar Impulse 2 flies over the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco. JEAN REVILLARD VIA GETTY IMAGES

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Occupying the plane's tiny cockpit for Monday's trip was Swiss aviator Andre Borschberg, a co-founder of the project. He and fellow pilot Bertrand Piccard, also of Switzerland, are seeking to achieve the first round-the-world solar-powered flight, taking turns at the controls for each leg of the voyage.

Borschberg was the pilot for the Japan-to-Hawaii trip over the Pacific last July, during which he remained airborne for nearly 118 hours, or five days and five nights.

That flight shattered the 76-hour world duration record for a non-stop, solo flight set in 2006 by the late American adventurer Steve Fossett in his Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer. It also set new duration and distance records for solar-powered flight. But the feat dealt a setback to the Solar Impulse team. The plane sustained severe battery damage on the flight from Japan, requiring repairs and testing that kept the aircraft grounded in Hawaii for nine months.

Swiss adventurer Bertrand Piccard reacts as the door to the Solar Impulse 2 is removed after landing in Mountain View, California. GETTY IMAGES

Piccard completed the trans-Pacific crossing last month, reaching San Francisco after a flight of nearly three days, more than three times longer than the 18 hours it took Amelia Earhart to fly solo from Hawaii to California in the 1930s.

The biggest difference is that the Solar Impulse flies without a drop of fuel. The four engines of the propeller-driven aircraft are powered solely by energy collected from thousands of solar cells in its wings.

Surplus power is stored in four batteries during daylight hours to keep the plane flying overnight, allowing it to remain aloft around the clock on extreme long-distance flights.

The Swiss team hopes eventually to complete its circumnavigation in Abu Dhabi, where their journey began in March 2015 as part of campaign to bolster support for clean energy technologies.

In a precursor to their globe-circling quest, the two men completed a multi-flight crossing of the United States by solar power in 2013. REUTERS

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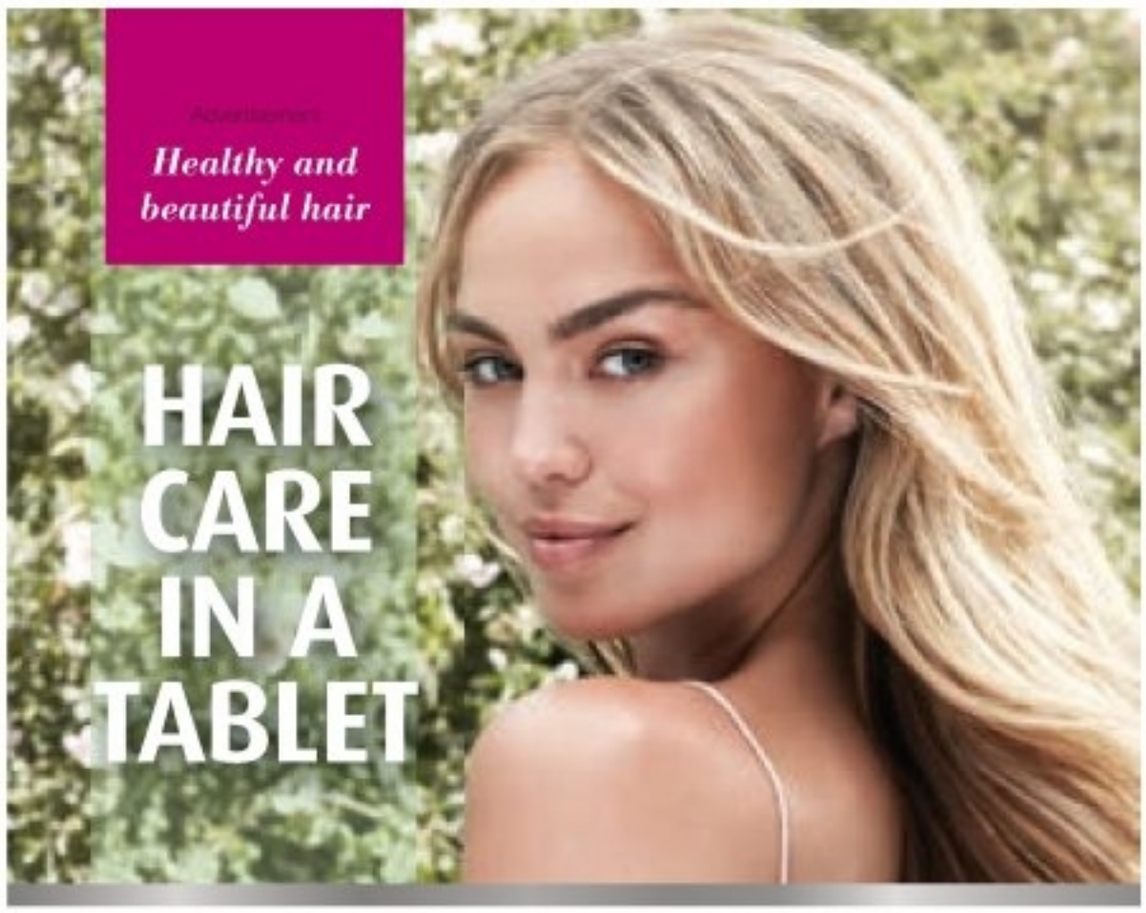


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To make it fair, special Toll Free Overflow Hotlines have been set up to ensure all residents have an equal chance to get them.

Shipments to state residents are scheduled to begin with the first calls being accepted at precisely 8:30am today.

"We're bracing for all the calls and doing everything we can to make sure no one gets left out, but the U.S. State Silver Bars are only being handed over at just the state resident minimum set by the Lincoln Treasury for the next two days or until they're all gone, whichever comes first. For now, residents can get the U.S. State Silver Bars at just the minimum price, set by the Lincoln Treasury, as long as they call before the order deadline ends," confirmed Shissler.

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## So about all that Jon Snow speculation

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Remember when everyone was freaking out about the fate of Jon Snow on "Game of Thrones" and there were all those reports about Kit Harington keeping the same hairstyle and showing up on set, but then Harington and the show's producers kept insisting that no, the character is really dead? And then remember this week when they brought him back to life? Oh sorry, spoiler warning. Here's the thing: Harington is really, really sorry about lying to all of us. "I'd like to say sorry for lying to everyone," he tells Entertainment Weekly. "I'm glad that people were upset that he died. I think my biggest fear was that people were not going to care, or it was just going to be, 'Fine, Jon Snow's dead,' but it seemed like people did have a — similar to the 'Red Wedding' episode — a kind of grief about it, which meant that something I'm doing, or that the show is doing for Jon, is right." Yes, but being so misleading about everything maybe wasn't so right, sir. Still, glad to have you back.

## J.K. Rowling still bummed about killing Lupin

Speaking of the deaths of popular fictional characters, J.K. Rowling — who has quite the made-up body count on her shoulders — is still haunted by her decision to do away with one of her favorite characters. She just can't seem to let this one go. If you're not a "Harry Potter" megafan, you'll be excused for not knowing that Monday was the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts, the completely made-up skirmish that ended the celebrated YA series. But just because it's a fake anniversary doesn't mean Rowling can't be sad for real. "Once again, it's the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts so, as promised, I shall [apologize] for a death. This year: Remus Lupin," Rowling tweeted. "In the interests of total honesty, I'd also like to confess that I didn't decide to kill Lupin until I wrote 'Order of the Phoenix.'" So, for all you Potterverse character death plans completists, there you go.

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## DAILY VIDEO

### Clueless Gamer: Mario Kart 8

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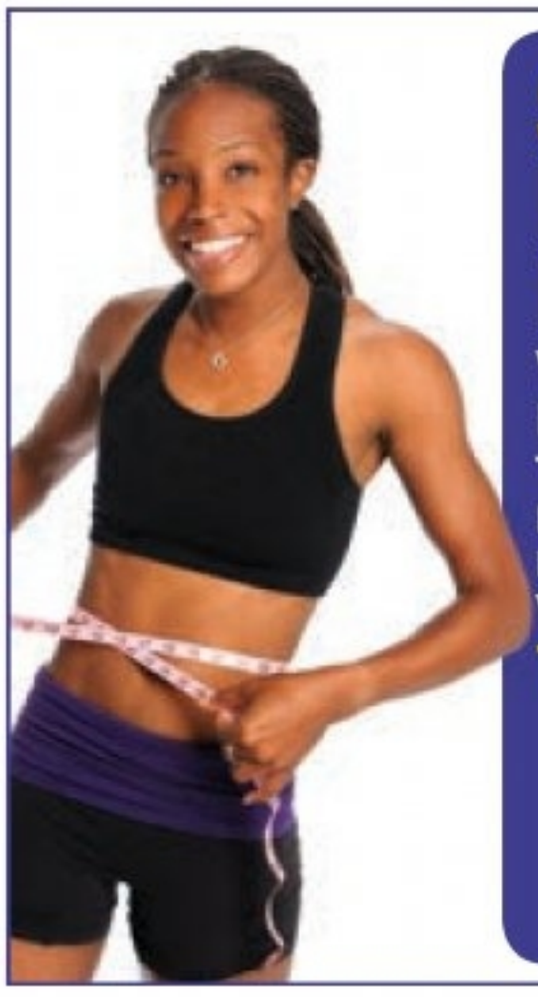
Conan O'Brien's "Clueless Gamer" series has seen him fail at some pretty awesome games, but he should be able to do just fine with the college favorite "Mario Kart." But with "Neighbors 2" stars Seth Rogen and Zac Efron along to make things interesting, this might just be the best installment yet — especially since by "make things interesting," Rogen and Efron mean drawing penises on O'Brien's face whenever he loses a round.



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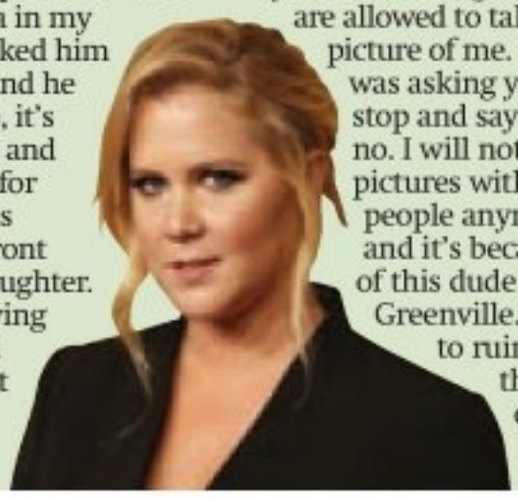
# Julia Roberts got $3 million for four days' work

And they say the movie star system is dead. Apparently Julia Roberts can still command a hefty paycheck, at least when it's with her "Pretty Woman" director, Garry Marshall. Roberts' role in "Mother's Day" called for a total of four days of shooting, and for her troubles she was paid $3 million. Nice work if you can get it. But was it worth it? The film — which was utterly trashed by critics — brought in $8.3 million its opening weekend. So they've at least made enough to pay for Roberts, right?

# No more fan photos with Amy Schumer

Great. Just great. One obnoxious South Carolina dude has gone and ruined all the fun for the rest of us, as Amy Schumer has instituted a strict "no photos with fans" policy following a particularly unpleasant run-in. "This guy in front of his family just ran up next to me scared the s— out of me," Schumer explained on Instagram, along with a photo of the man in question. "Put a camera in my face. I asked him to stop and he said, 'No, it's America and we paid for you.' This was in front of his daughter. I was saying stop and no. Great message to your kid. Yes legally you are allowed to take a picture of me. But I was asking you to stop and saying no. I will not take pictures with people anymore and it's because of this dude in Greenville." Way to ruin it for the rest of us, buddy.



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# Jeremy Irons explains how everything is bad

The Oscar-winner talks "The Man Who Knew Infinity" and gets grim about the world's future.

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Jeremy Irons has two films arriving in the States around the same time. New to theaters is the biopic "The Man Who Knew Infinity," about the inexplicably obscure Indian mathematician Srinivasan Ramanujan (played by Dev Patel). Mid-May brings "High-Rise," based on J.G. Ballard's classic novel. The first is about prejudice; the other is about societal collapse. Irons loves talking about both.

In "Infinity" the Oscar-winner plays a math legend who's one of the only people not prejudiced against Ramanujan, whose findings contributed mightily to science.

"There are people who are instinctively frightened of people who are different from them. That comes out of prejudice — and, I think, from insecurity and fear," Irons tells us in his soothing yet coarse English timbre. "The great thing about being an actor is I'm so used to being inside other people. I hope I'm not prejudiced. I mean, I get cross with some people for their narrow-mindedness or their lack of care or their apathy. But that has nothing to do with their race, religion or color."

"Infinity's" real-life story is set over a century ago, but it has obvious resonance with today, when the political theater has been reactivating deep-seated prejudices, both here and in Irons' homeland. Part of the reason, he thinks, is the failure of our leaders.

"All over the world people are losing faith in their politicians," Irons surmises. "They're running our countries on purely economic rather than idealistic terms. I think that's a mistake. Politicians should have the strength to say, 'What kind of country, what kind of world do we want? Let's make our economy create that for us, rather than just following the dollar or the pound.'"

Irons rattles off a laundry list of societal ills that aren't being addressed. He floats the idea, being considered in Finland, of paying everyone a wage whether they're employed or not. He predicts another economic collapse, bigger than the one in 2008 because we still have unregulated markets. He also challenges the notion — ingrained in the West since after World War II — that buying things makes us happy.

It's here that what started as a conversation about "Infinity" and bigotry turns into a discussion more in line with "High-Rise," in which Ballard created a dirty, violent, darkly hilarious allegory about an apartment building whose inhabitants turn to tribalism, feral instincts and violence.

"You have a huge underclass in Europe and America who have nothing to lose. And that's when revolutions start. We can't allow that to happen," Irons says. "That's why when Trump stands up and starts spouting what I call 'barroom politics,' they're very attractive. The man on the street says, 'Yeah, let's make America great again!' What the f— does that mean?"

Irons points out that's happening in England as well. They have their Bernie Sanders: Jeremy Corbyn, who, he says, "really believes in his ideol-

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Jeremy Irons plays G.H. Hardy, a mathematician at Cambridge who helped spread the word about Srinivasan Ramanujan (Dev Patel), a prodigy plucked from poverty in India, in the biopic "The Man Who Knew Infinity." IFC FILMS

ogy but is, sadly, maybe not a political animal in quite the way that makes a leader." And they have Nigel Farage, an "idiot," Irons says, "who is a bit like Trump, who spouts off in fairly unthought-out ways about things that are wrong — which is easy to do if you're not in the driving seat and you have to get it right." As such, some in England find Farage very attractive.

But there's one big difference between America and England. Irons adds, wryly: "The English have a nose for charlatans."

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# 3 Acts you cannot miss at the South Street Spring Festival

We interview RFA, Kuf Knotz and Nik Greeley ahead of their performances at the fourth annual celebration on Saturday.

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RFA, from left, Kuf Knotz and Nik Greeley are among the artists performing this year's South Street Spring Festival.

South Street is arguably the most famous street in Philadelphia and for the fourth year in a row, the will city celebrates its rich cultural diversity with the South Street Spring Festival, this year on Saturday, May 7. More than 58,000 people came out last year for the local eats, art stalls, and of course, live music. This year, over 40 bands will rock out on three stages. We chatted with three of those acts — Nik Greeley, Kuf Knotz and RFA — who are among the large roster of buzzing local musicians participating.

**Describe your music in three words.**

**Nik Greeley:** Heavy soul vibes.
**RFA:** Loud, energetic, creamy.
**Kuf Knotz:** Progressive, positive, soulful.

**Who are your biggest musical influences?**

**Nik Greeley:** Beatles, Stones, Hendrix, Zeppelin, Bowie, Prince, James Brown, P-Funk, My Morning Jacket, just to name a few! I could go on for days.
**RFA:** We all come from very diverse backgrounds musically, but some common influences for us would definitely be the Stones, Velvet Underground, the Beatles. Stuff like that.
**Kuf Knotz:** I gotta say BDP, Tupac, Bob Marley and Digable Planets.

**What are you looking forward to most at the South Street Spring Festival this year?**

**Nik Greeley:** This is a great event and one of the biggest reasons I enjoy playing it is seeing a lot of kids and young people there getting into the music and the atmosphere. I like to think that we're inspiring them to one day hit the stage and rock Philly, too.
**RFA:** Playing our sets and seeing the Once Was play!
**Kuf Knotz:** The amount of great art that will be introduced to the mass of people attending.

**There is so much great food to be had at this event. What are you most excited to eat?**

**Nik Greeley:** Say Cheese Philadelphia — as a cheese enthusiast, this is a must for me.
**RFA:** Jim's Steaks and whatever else we can!
**Kuf Knotz:** Very excited for Jerky Hut.

**What do you love most about Philly music?**

**Nik Greeley:** Not only do we have the best music scene in the country, but we also have one of the most intimate and friendly scenes as well. You can get to know your favorite artists and bands, ask for friendly advice and network, and become friends with them. I think that's a really beautiful thing.
**RFA:** Those hot, sweaty basements. Love our DIY scene.
**Kuf Knotz:** The diversity and skill level of the musicians here.

**What's next for you?**

**Nik Greeley:** Releasing more new music shortly and hitting the road and festival circuit with both my bands, The Operators and Swift Technique.
**RFA:** Live shows and more live shows.
**Kuf Knotz:** Tour and finishing up a new album!

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This recipe from "Hungry Girl" Lisa Lillien is low-cal, all-natural and packed with flavor.

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The brains behind "Hungry Girl" — a full-on brand as well as a Food Network show — Lisa Lillien has a new book out: "Hungry Girl Clean & Hungry" full of her favorite easy recipes, all of which are healthy and all-natural. While the book covers meals for every time of day, the most life-changing chapter is perhaps on egg bakes, a dish you can make on the weekend and then refrigerate and eat throughout the week. Here, she shares her recipe for Tex-Mex Egg Bakes:

"Hungry Girl Clean and Hungry Cookbook" MATT ARMENDARIZ

## *Tex-Mex Egg Bakes*

**Health breakdown:**
1 serving (2 egg bakes) is 177 calories, 457 mg sodium, 10g carbs, 1.5g fiber, 3g sugar, 22.5g protein

**You'll need:**
12-cup muffin pan, nonstick spray, skillet, large bowl, whisk

**Time:**
20 minutes prep, 25 minutes to cook

**Ingredients**
- 6 ounces raw lean ground turkey
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt and black pepper
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup frozen sweet corn kernels
- 2 1/2 cups (about 20 large) egg whites
- 2 tablespoons fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-far •Mexican-blend cheese
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

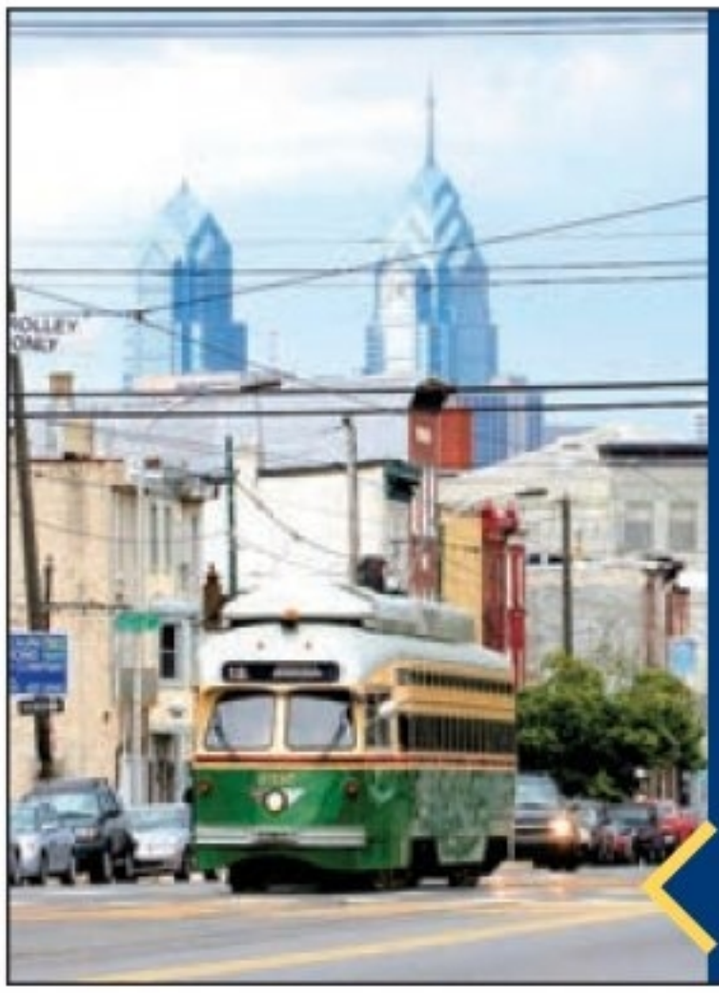
**Directions**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spay a 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick spray.

2. Bring a skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium-high heat. Add turkey, and sprinkle with garlic powder, onion powder, and 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add onion and corn. Cook, stir, and crumble until turkey is fully cooked, onion has been softened and lightly browned, and corn has thawed and slightly blackened; about 4 minutes.

3. In a large bowl, whisk egg whites with Greek yogurt until mostly smooth. Add cheese, beans, cilantro, chili powder, cumin, turkey mixture, and remaining 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Stir to mix.

4. Evenly distribute mixture among the cups of the muffin pan. (Cups will be full.)

5. Bake until firm and cooked through, about 20 minutes.



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# Why does flexibility matter, anyway?

Plus, moves to help you improve.

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We're told it's important to be flexible as early as elementary school. Remember the sit-and-reach part of the Presidential Fitness Test? As adults, yoga is touted as the thing to do. But what if cardio is more your thing? Or what if you generally live a healthful lifestyle already? What good will stretching for you? Dr. Jake Mayes, owner of 100% Chiropractic, fills us in.

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## It keeps your spine strong

Mayes says a strong spine is essential to overall health. "Your body has innately put a giant bony structure around the most important thing

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## Moves for improving your flexibility

As a chiropractor, Dr. Mayes recommends making an appointment so you can get your spine checked out. Since everyone is different, the home stretches someone is "prescribed" differ from person to person. But in general, some good stretches to do every morning and night are:

**Simple toe touch**
There's no getting out of this one. Touch your toes, one leg at a time. Hold for five seconds, letting the tension build and then release the tension for five seconds. Repeat five times per leg.

**Cross-body stretch**
Start on your hands and knees. Lift your left arm to the sky and slide it all the way through the space between your right arm and right leg. Hold for a few breaths, feeling the stretch in your shoulders and upper back. Repeat on the other side.

**Side stretch**
With your feet together, stretch your right hand overhead. Inhale and exhale deeply. Repeat with the left side.

in your body," he says. Plus, when someone has minimal flexibility, it causes the muscles in the upper back, neck, lower back and abdomen to weaken — basically everything along the spine. Simply put: Flexibility keeps your spine and the muscles that surround it strong.

### Counteracts sitting all day

Mayes says sitting at a desk all day causes repetitive muscle patterns in your neck and midback. "The patterns can lead to neck and shoulder pain," he says. "The muscles weaken and then it can hurt to sit up straight." Bad posture can become your body's default because it's so used to it, but flexibility prevents that.

### It makes you a better athlete

Many athletes who focus solely on cardio neglect improving their flexibility. But Mayes says a weak spine can cause a lot of issues. "If there's a problem with your spine, it will move down to your pelvis, knees and ankles," he says. "It will get locked in so you have tight muscles and then you aren't moving correctly. This leads to knee and hip pain."

### It prevents dementia

Believe it or not, there's a link between developing dementia and keeping that spine strong. "Alzheimer's and dementia are linked to a lack of cerebral spinal fluid flow, which is a lack of motion in the spine," Mayes says. "You still have to keep your brain strong by reading and doing crosswords, but if you look at healthy individuals who ward off Alzheimer's and dementia, they are very active people." And that includes flexibility.

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# HERE COMES THE HARD PART WITH WENTZ

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Patience is important when setting expectations for No. 2 overall pick Carson Wentz. GETTY IMAGES

A fan base in need of its savior packed the Lincoln Financial Field lobby last Thursday night, drawn by free tickets to the Eagles draft party, but more so by the belief they were first in line to witness the resuscitation of their franchise.

At 8:22 p.m., Roger Goodell approached the podium, and the thousand-plus in midnight green started to cheer. "With the second pick ..." the commissioner said, and that was enough. Cheers and high fives and rapture from the faithful. As Carson Wentz strode onstage for his commish bear hug, the boys at the Linc reacted as if Margot Robbie had just knocked on their door to hand them a winning lottery ticket and eternal virility.

And with that, the future began. Except ...

...Except that the future figures to sit with a clipboard for the next year.

Now comes the tough part for Eagles fans. Fed up with Sulking Sammy Bradford, they have been shown the attractive option. But, realistically, Carson Wentz doesn't — shouldn't — play until he's ready. This isn't Andrew Luck stepping into the NFL after 38 brilliant Pac-12 starts. Wentz is raw material, in need of molding and refinement.

So in the meantime, we gobble up the tidbits. Wentz's airport arrival drew three camera crews — as well as a dog pack of moronic autographic seekers threatening to boo when he didn't stop to sign. His first appearance in No. 11 sparked a run on that Eagles jersey at the NFL's shopping site. It became North Dakota week, as we learned trivia such as Wiz Khalifa being the most famous native of the Roughrider State.

Well, not anymore.

Imagine the August pandemonium when Wentz shreds third-string cornerbacks in preseason garbage time. It is a fan's right to dream and project. A few glossy summer stat lines and Eagles loyalists will be projecting their rookie QB right into the Hall of Fame at Canton.

Not since Allen Iverson or Eric Lindros has one of our franchise's futures been so squarely placed on the back of a single player. If — perish the thought — Wentz is a bust, the Eagles are doomed for years. But if the Bismarck Bison is as smart, talented and competitive as projected, the Eagles will enter the 2020s ready to dominate a division that boasts no other talented young QBs. And, no, I'm not yet buying into Kirk Cousins.

Truth is, if Bradford ever dries his crying eyes and commits to the season, the Birds can win the weak NFC East even in 2016. That would be fun, no doubt. But the big story will be watching Wentz's career unfold over time — from observant rookie, to skittish first-time starter, to developing star to — dare I say — Super Bowl winner. There is no guarantee, of course, and the odds are always long. But there is hope.

For now, however, hope has to sit on the bench.

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## How did Eagles' Halapoulivaati Vaitai get his unusual name?

Vaitai will add depth for the Eagles on their offensive line. GETTY IMAGES

The newest Eagles offensive lineman has 14 letters in his first name. But you can call him "Big V." That's what everyone else does – even his mom.

"She calls me 'V', but when I'm in trouble, she uses the whole name," Halapoulivaati Vaitai told reporters late Saturday night after being selected in the fifth round of the NFL draft, No. 164 overall.

Pronounced "hal-lah-poo-lee-VAH-tee VIE-tie," the name clearly stems from Vaitai's proud Tongan tradition. But oddly, his two brothers are named simply Kevin and William.

"Honestly, I have no idea," the tackle from TCU said of his brothers' names. "Just ask my parents about that. I guess it's just one of those things, you know. You're the first one, they named me that, and after my brother came, they named them Kevin and William."

Vaitai's Oceanic heritage is clear from just trying to pronounce his name. His football credentials are also clear as the lineman explains. His culture and upbringing molded him into a NFL athlete.

"We like to eat," Vaitai said when asked about Tongan traditions. "You know, our community, we're the most friendly people outside of sports, and we're also competitive. All of us hate to lose. I really appreciate that because growing up, a lot of my family members were competitive. You've got to take what's yours, you know? You've got to go in there with the mentality to go out — that's how — a lot of Polynesians are like that. But we're just caring guys. We like to take care of each other." EVAN MACY

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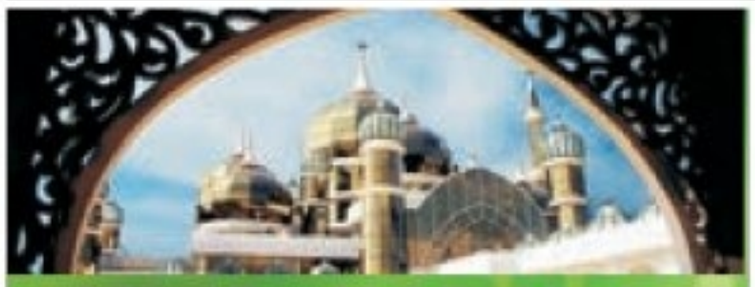

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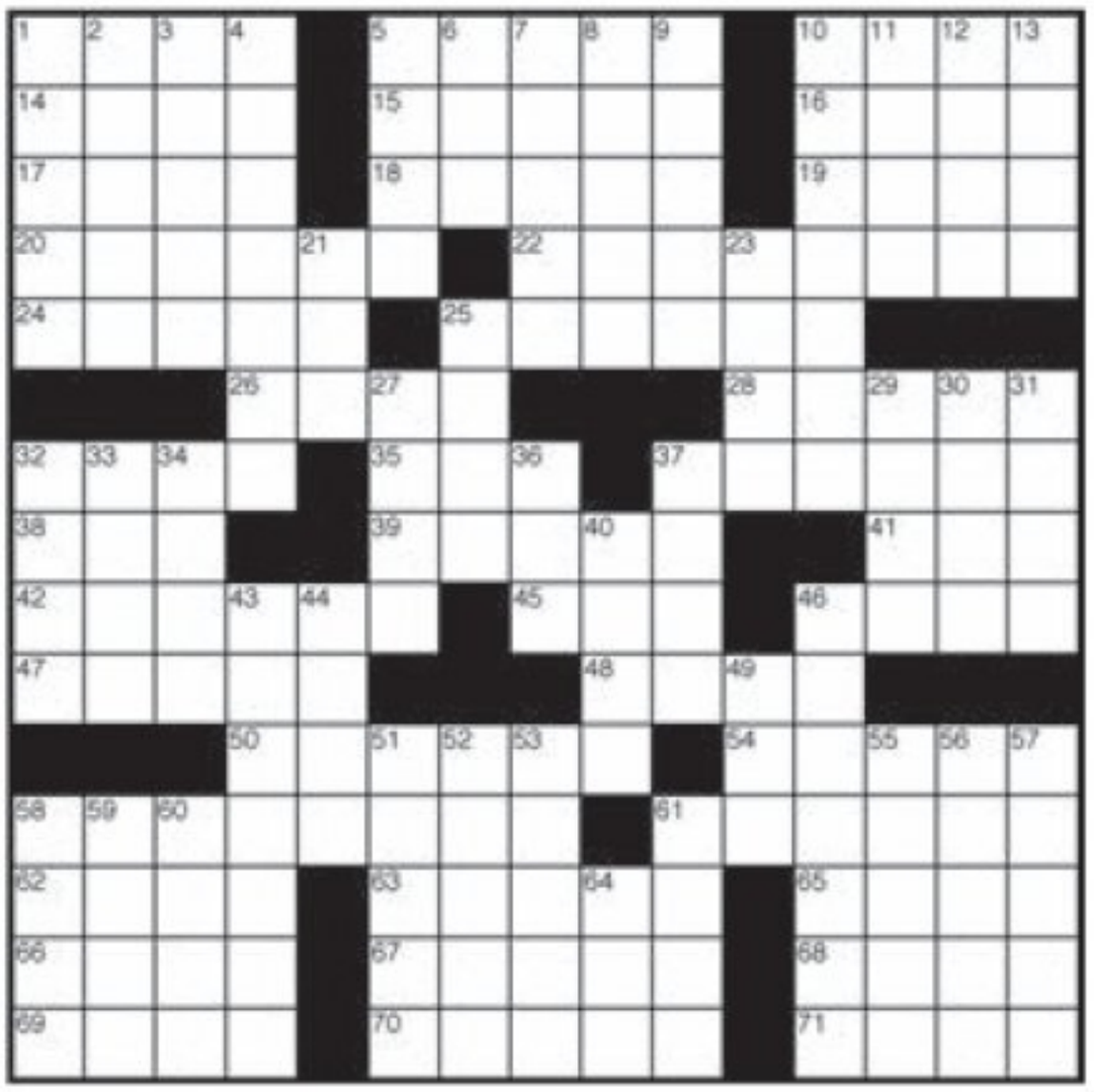

**Across**

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5 Pub sign (2 wds.)
10 Tooth problem
14 FitzGerald's poet
15 Hearth
16 Quarry
17 Thick mud
18 Sand mandala builders
19 Fishing place
20 Break loose
22 In the cards
24 Loses hair
25 Crusty roll
26 Mortgage, e.g.
28 Won't hold water
32 Jane, to Tarzan
35 Swell, in space (hyph.)
37 Uncultivated
38 Bucket material
39 Carthage neighbor
41 I've got it!
42 Insect's middle
45 Family man
46 To the — (fully)
47 Hairpin curves
48 "Fancy" singer
50 Macbeth's weapon
54 Banded stone
58 Mountaineering aids
61 Shook a tail
62 Belgian river
63 Gunslinger's tally
65 Mythic warmonger
66 Earnest request
67 Manicurist's board
68 Descartes' name
69 Ticket info
70 Stretches out
71 Wheel's partner

**Down**

1 Geodesic —
2 Buggy drivers
3 Silly comedy
4 Potter's foot lever
5 Give the glad eye
6 D.C. lobbyist
7 Bay or city
8 Video-game pioneer
9 Pedro's coins
10 Raiment
11 Bin
12 Despicable one
13 Fictional governess
21 Air-pump meas.
23 Mr. Lugosi
25 No-frills hairdo
27 — de vie (brandies)
29 Jai --
30 Ancient cosmetic
31 Flatten a fly
32 Dust particle
33 Sighs of relief
34 Ring stats
36 Nanny's charge
37 Lose brightness
40 John Dickson — of who-dunits
43 Lamb, for one (2 wds.)
44 PDQ
46 Hollow-eyed
49 Meadow murmur
51 Lost cause
52 Troll
53 Basso Simon —
55 Think alike
56 — Marie of pop
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59 Rub the wrong way
60 Offshore
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**Aries** A chance to make money or negotiate and sign a contract that offers long-term security is within reach. Embrace change, and don't settle for less than what you want.

**Taurus** An outgoing attitude coupled with your expertise will bolster your chances of advancement. An opening will spark your interest, and an unexpected offer will be presented.

**Gemini** Help someone in need, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Bring about changes that will help secure your personal or professional future.

**Cancer** Spend time with people you haven't seen in a while. A fresh and lively conversation will result in opportunities that will help you improve your life. Romance will liven things up.

**Leo** Someone will speak out against you if you are too pushy. Take a step back and concentrate on what you can do to improve physically. Discipline will counter excess.

**Virgo** If you speak up, you will reach someone who feels as you do regarding community concerns. By joining forces, you will bring about positive change.

**Libra** New friendships or business connections will bring you closer to your goals. Good fortune and advancement will be yours if you stand up for your beliefs. Communicate your feelings.

**Scorpio** Share your ideas. A business partnership will give you an opportunity to spend more time exploring your creative options. Romance will inspire you to reach for the stars.

**Sagittarius** If you refrain from exaggerating, you will avoid being questioned. Stay focused on what you can do, and bring about positive changes that will help balance your emotions.

**Capricorn** Your ability to wheel and deal will lead to unexpected gains and personal rewards. Making plans to celebrate with a loved one will bring you closer together.

**Aquarius** Choose your words carefully. Taking action will bring better results than laboring over details with an opponent. A professional change will turn out better than anticipated.

**Pisces** Your restlessness combined with someone's demands will lead to an unsavory encounter if you let your emotions surface. Work independently. EUGENIA LAST

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